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PRE SCHOOL CHILDCARE IN AWCS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought feedback from the various State Governments in regard to the performance of Anganwadi Centre-cum-Creche in the country and has made its own assessment on the basis of the said feedback;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the details of facilities provided in such Anganwadi Centre-cum-Creche;

(d) the States where the setting up of new Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) has been below average during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to enroll more children in AWCs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a)to (e): Under the Strengthening and Restructuring of ICDS Scheme, a provision of Anganwadi Centre (AWCs)-cum-Creche in 5% of the AWCs (total 70,000) has been approved during the XII Plan period. This is based on demand from the States/ UTs. Funds for additional space including construction of additional room, cradles, beds, soft toys, additional supplementary nutrition, one additional Creche Worker etc. are envisaged.

A statement indicating the state-wise number of Anganwadi Centres sanctioned, made operational and the shortfall is at 'Annexe-I'. States/UTs have been requested to optimize coverage of beneficiaries and to operationalise the pending Anganwadi Centres immediately so that more children and women are enrolled at Anganwadi Centres.